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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Application Number	09/442,353
Filing Date	November 17, 1999
First Named Inventor	KIKKAWA et al.
Art Unit	2871
Examiner Name	NGO, HUYEN LE
Attorney Docket Number	NEM-01701

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8,

1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on May 14, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other Three-month Extension of Time

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR§1.17(i) required)

- b. Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) 07/23/2002 CNGUYEN 00000111 09442353
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iii. Other 01 FC:179

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